

HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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CASCADE MANUFACTURING SALES, INC.,
a Washington corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PROVIDNET CO TRUST, a Washington
trust dba WORMSWRANGLER.COM;
BARRY RUSSELL, an individual,

Defendants.

CASE NO: C08-5433RBL

CASCADE MANUFACTURING SALES,
INC.'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMARY
JUDGMENT

Noted for Hearing: **August 7, 2009**

I. INTRODUCTION

Provident Co Trust, d/b/a WormsWrangler.com ("**Provident**") and Barry Russell ("**Russell**") (together "**Defendants**") have not responded to the summary judgment motion (seeking a determination as to infringement) by ("**Cascade**"), the owner of the federally registered WORM FACTORY trademark (the "**Mark**"). Rather than revisit the arguments made in that motion, Cascade would like to point out that Defendants were provided ample time, information and even support by Plaintiff to respond. Defendants were specifically advised of their obligation to respond. Accordingly, Defendants' failure to respond should be construed as

1 a concession that they had no substantive arguments.

2 On July 19, 2009, Plaintiff provided Defendants with all of the documents related to the
3 motion via email as well as the noting date of the motion. (See ¶1, **Ex. A** to the Declaration of
4 Danny Bronski, submitted herewith.) On July 24, 2009, Plaintiff provided Defendants with all of
5 the exhibits related to Barry Russell's deposition as well as a link to the rules that Defendants
6 could use to determine how and when to respond to the summary judgment motion – Defendants
7 were specifically apprised of their obligation to respond. (Bronski Decl., ¶2.) In between, Mr.
8 Russell sent counsel for Cascade four emails constructively acknowledging, if not actively
9 addressing, his obligations related to this motion. (See Bronski Decl., ¶3.) Counsel for Cascade
10 also sent multiple emails during the first week of August reminding Russell of his impending
11 deadline to respond and even granting him two additional days to respond. (See Bronski Decl.,
12 ¶4, **Ex. B**.) Still, on August 7, 2009, Plaintiff has received no response to Cascade's motion.

13 II. CONCLUSION

14 To summarize the arguments made in the summary judgment motion, there is no dispute
15 that Defendants utilized the Mark following termination of the agreement in place between the
16 parties. Defendants have previously argued that a separate agreement (*i.e.*, distinct from the
17 Agreement) exists, but Defendants were never able to articulate any of the terms of this
18 purported agreement, and in any event, understood this agreement to be freely terminable by
19 Cascade. Defendants have put forth no evidence whatsoever of any documentation which
20 constitutes evidence of this purported agreement. There is also no dispute that Defendants
21 utilized a confusingly similar variation of the Mark with respect to identical goods. The United
22 States Patent and Trademark Office determined that FACTORY OF WORMS is confusingly
23 similar to WORM FACTORY. This is also in accord with the result dictated by application of
24 the Sleekcraft factors. Defendants did not address or attempt to contradict any of these
25 arguments via a response to the summary judgment motion. In any event, the evidence
26 submitted with Cascade's motion makes clear that there are no issues of material fact as to these
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1 issues. Accordingly, summary judgment as to liability and a finding of infringement is proper.
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3 Respectfully submitted, and dated this 7th day of August, 2009.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this August 7, 2009, I filed the foregoing copy of Cascade's Reply in Support of Summary Judgment via the Court's CM/ECF system, and sent a copy of the foregoing to Defendants via email.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ Danny Bronski
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